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LONDON FOR SEITZ; PARIS FOR MELONE

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GHANA RECOGNIZES MPLA

REF: (A) ACCRA 8459 (B) ACCRA 8520 (C) STATE 302081

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: BY ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED 1800 HOURS LOCAL
TIME DEC 23 GOVERNMENT OF GHANA RECOGNIZED MPLA. TEXT OF
ANNOUNCEMENT AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL
AT ITS MEETING TODAY CONSIDERED THE RECENT EVENTS IN ANGOLA
AND DECIDED TO ACCORD RECOGNITION TO THE MPLA AS THE GOVERNMENT
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OF ANGOLA. IT WOULD BE RECALLED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER OF

ANGOLA (MR LOPO DO NASCIMENTO) CALLED ON THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL LAST SUNDAY AND HAD IN DEPTH DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM ON THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA.
UNQUOTE END UNCLASSIFIED

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2. WE (AND MEMBERS OF EC-9 GROUP) ARE SURPRISED AT THIS ACTION IN VIEW OF CLEARLY EXPRESSED STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLI ON DEC 22 WHEN HE CALLED ME IN AND FOLLOWED WITH MEETING WITH ITALIAN AMBASSADOR AS REPRESENTATIVE EC-9. ITALIAN CIRCULATED TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE (SIMILAR TO ONE WE RECEIVED) TO HIS COLLEAGUES AND AT SOCIAL EVENT DEC 22 BOTH BRITISH AND GERMAN CHIEFS OF MISSION INTERPRETED AIDE MEMOIRE AS WE DID. THAT IS, AS INDICATION THAT GHANA WOULD RETAIN POLICY BUT COUPLED WITH WARNING THAT SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT MIGHT CHANGE GHANAIAAN POSITION. WE KNOW OF NOTHING IN PERIOD OF LESS THAN 24 HOURS WHICH INCREASED CONCERN ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA TO EXTENT TO WARRANT SUDDEN CHANGE IN POLIVK.

3. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE MENTIONED IN REFTEL (C) BUT IT IS EVIDENT DEMARCHE HAD NOT BEEN REPORTED TO GOG IN TIME TO HAVE EFFECT ON DECISION TAKEN. WE ALSO CHARITABLY ASSUME FELLI AND THOSE ON HIS SIDE IN DEC 22 WERE NOT AWARE OF IMPENDING CHANGE AND WERE LEVELING WITH US.

4. I HAVE REQUESTED AND RECEIVED IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT WITH HEAD OF STATE COL ACHEAMPONG (IN ABSENCE FELLI WHO IS IN NORTH) IN ORDER EXPRESS MY REGRET AT SUDDEN CHANGE AND SEEK EXPLANATION.
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